

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** Chair Roger Webb, on March 27, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Roger Webb, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)  
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch  
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 445, 3/22/2017

Executive Action: HB 373 - Be concurred in as amended  
HB 507 - Be concurred in as amended

00:00:02 Chair Webb

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 373**

00:00:56 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 373 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:01:06 Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:01:25 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 373 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(los63a01)

**Discussion:**

00:01:39 Ms. Kurtz, LSD

00:01:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sesso was excused.

00:02:04 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 373 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sesso was excused. Sen. Gauthier will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 507**

00:03:01 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 507 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:03:11 Ms. Kurtz  
**EXHIBIT**(los63a02)

00:03:34 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 507 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:03:40 Sen. Buttrey

00:04:00 Ms. Kurtz

00:04:22 Sen. Sesso entered the meeting.

00:06:08 Sen. Buttrey

00:06:14 Chair Webb

00:06:32 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality

00:07:03 Sen. Lang

00:07:26 Ms. Kurtz

00:08:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:08:17 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved that **HB 507 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Webb will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON HB 445**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:47 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 445, Revise local government subdivision review laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:32 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)  
00:20:28 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)  
00:23:23 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
00:25:20 Jeff Barber, Montana Smart Growth Coalition  
00:26:18 Nadine Nadow, Montana Environmental Information Center

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:26:51 Sen. Lang  
00:27:16 Ms. St. Lawrence, MBIA  
00:27:57 Sen. Sesso  
00:28:53 Mr. Oppel, MAR  
00:29:24 Sen. Sesso  
00:29:51 Mr. Oppel  
00:30:22 Sen. Sesso  
00:30:32 Mr. Oppel  
00:30:39 Sen. Sesso  
00:31:40 Ms. Lynch, MLCT  
00:31:58 Sen. Sesso  
00:32:01 Ms. Lynch  
00:32:04 Sen. Sesso  
00:32:32 Ms. Lynch  
00:33:39 Chair Webb  
00:33:43 Ms. Lynch  
00:33:45 Chair Webb

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:09 Rep. Greef  
00:35:25 Chair Webb

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:39 PM

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Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los63aad.pdf](#))**